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AND RIVER**

Captain Mitchell, of the lively Irene, now bottled up in the Youngs Bay boneyard (better known as the "Bryan Boneyard"), was in the city yesterday, and he reports that times in that remote resort are quite lively and all hands busy playing cards and making calls from one deck to another and doing other laborious stunts that try the muscle and stamina of healthy folks. He doesn't say when he expects to get out, and pretends to be very happy and contented; but then he always was something of a jollier. The last of his "jollies" has never been told, and this is a pretty fit place to tell it. When he was ordered into the quiet retreat up Youngs river, he got C. H. Callender to prove to him that the Irene could be safely towed up that bay and after he had gone over the channel with Mr. Callender in the latter's private launch and taken the proper bearings and soundings, he waived the service of a Callender tug to tow the Irene up there, and deliberately sailed her to her berth in that unmixt wilderness. Everyone who knows "Mitch's" faculty for sailing the Irene in all sorts of places, will appreciate the "jolly" he wrought on the navigation company, of which Mr. Callender is the chief figure.

By the first of January next there is likely to be another coasting craft docking in this port, and running between Portland, Astoria and all points between the mouth of the Columbia and Yaquina Bay. The new venture is sponsored by Chief Engineer Dunham, of the steamship Roanoke, who is reputed to be the principle owner in the case, and is associated with his brother, Captain Dunham, and several well known Portlanders, in the enterprise. They have purchased the steamer Argo, which was owned in Eureka and will put her on the run by New Year's day if all goes well. She is now being completely overhauled and made ready for the new service, which, it is said, is promisingly bolstered with plenty of contracted business on the line. She will be commanded by Captain Bob Jones, well known in these waters, and Mr. Dunham will have charge of her engines. The Argo was built at Ballard, Wash-

**DR. OWENS-ADAIR HAS
A CHEERFUL WORD**

HOME FROM PORTLAND AND PREPARING TO URGE HER "STERILIZATION" BILL.

Dr. B. Owens-Adair, of this county, who has been in attendance upon the Oregon Woman Suffrage convention at Portland, returned to this city yesterday quite happy in her experiences there, both in the matter of her fraternal association with the good women of the State assembled to foster and further their claims to the ballot, and with the pleasure and success that waited upon her in her effort to advance the advocacy of her pet bill for the amelioration of the human family by sterilization, which came to her in the opportunity to meet the legislative delegates from Multnomah in their recent "pot-latch."

To this latter assembly the doctor made a formal address in the interest of which followed, and it was very happily received by the gentlemen present, who were frank and kindly in their approval and promises to consider the matter deeply and devotedly when it should come up in House and Senate this winter.

"Gentlemen of our next Legislature: I must apologize for not having any data with which to present my subject. I did not expect this opportunity until my friend, Senator Beach opened the way for me by kindly offering to present me to you."

"But to come to the work in hand. Two years ago, through the Oregonian, I called upon the Legislature to enact a law to prevent the future propagation of criminals, idiots, insane and all that class of objectionables by and through sterilization. That class which we know is not only a burden, but a curse to our homes, our state, and our nation as well."

"I did succeed in getting that bill introduced into the house which I consider was a great step in advance. Through the prominence given my communication by the Oregonian the subject was taken up by the Washington press and given wide circulation and more fully discussed than in Oregon. And my friend, Senator Walter J. Reed, assured me that had he received the bill in time to introduce it that it would have passed the Senate with little or no opposition."

"Now gentlemen, it is my intention to be with you in Salem and I hope to bring with me the names of our most prominent physicians, asking you to give us a law for the

The steamer Eureka arrived down from Portland very early yesterday morning and left out at once, from the Callender pier, for Eureka, Cal. Among her passengers from this port were Mr. and Mrs. James A. Barr.

The steamer Yosemite arrived in yesterday from the Bay City, and went direct to Knappa, where she will load out lumber for the return voyage.

Another new craft in these waters is due to arrive here today or tomorrow, to wit, the steamer Carmel, of San Francisco. She comes after lumber, of course.

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- Prime Rib Roast Beef... 10c, 12c
- Tenderloin flat-bone and sirloin steaks... 10c
- Government Inspected Kettle Rendered Lard, 5-lb. pails... 70c
- Small Pig Hams... 17c
- Best Breakfast Bacon... 17c
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purification and preservation of our state. And I ask of you as a favor that you think along these lines just a few moments each day and read the headlines and glance through, if possible, any such publications on the subject. By so doing, I believe that every one of you will be prepared and willing to cast a conscientious vote for such a humane law. I thank you."

Dr. Adair received every courtesy at the hands of the Legislators and was ably assisted in her presentation by Representative Frazer, who was in charge of the bill two years ago, and by Miss Myrtle Pease, a lady who is deeply interested in the subject, and by Senator Beach who made it possible for her to meet the delegates; and for all of which she is correspondingly grateful. The doctor intends to enter the field this winter and prosecute the measure valiantly upon its sheer merits which are, admittedly, many and excellent.

**WHOLE IRVING JOB IS
'ON THE BUM'**

**BUT EVERYBODY CHEER UP,
'FOR THE WORST IS YET
TO COME,' PERHAPS.**

From about Twentieth street to about Thirtieth street the improvement on Irving avenue appears to be in substantial condition and probably will withstand the winter's rains. But beyond 30th street the improvement is in very bad shape—in four or five places the slides are carrying away the roadway. By spring perhaps a thousand feet or more of the street will literally have been carried away.

A reporter of the Astorian yesterday walked over the Irving avenue improvement from end to end. Citizens who have not yet seen the ravages of the slide at Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets would be well repaid for a trip of inspection, for the sight of this great ravine wrought by the sliding hillside is well worth seeing, considered merely as a local spectacle. Nevertheless the worst damage may not be at Eighteenth street, but from about Thirtieth street eastward. There in various places the street is falling away, the loose earth tumbling down the slope to the north of the road. In that part of the street perhaps a quarter of a mile of the improvement will be entirely worthless or gone by next May.

To put in mildly the whole job is not one to please the eye of the judicious. Doubtless the contractor lived up to the letter of his contract, or the streets committee of the council would not have been so willing to accept the whole improvement at the time the Astorian first began calling attention to its condition last summer, but an inspection of the whole street can hardly help but make a resident or taxpayer think. If any member of the common council, or any disinterested or interested resident of Astoria can walk over the eastern part of this improvement and not be impressed with the belief that there is something radically wrong—wrong with the plans, specifications, contract and all—then it will be most surprising.

But personal investigation is required for a clear understanding and appreciation of the conditions. The Irving avenue improvement promises to be a matter that will long be remembered in Astoria. And if any voter will go out and study the conditions there for an hour and will then vote for a continuation of the men and the policies that are responsible for what he sees—well, its up to him to do it, if he wants to.

Beware of Frequent Colds.
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**TAXES ARE LIKELY TO
GO EVEN HIGHER**

**PROMISE OF 10 MILL LEVY
MEANS NO RELIEF AT ALL
TO THE TAXPAYER.**

Twice an announcement has been made within the past several weeks that the city administration hoped to keep the new tax levy for the city down to 10 mills. Last year the levy was 18 mills.

There was a note of jubilation in the expressed intention to keep the levy down to 10 mills, as if the administration in this respect was about to do an extraordinary thing for the taxpayer.

If the class in municipal economics will get out their pencils and paper some interesting figures may be shown.

Last year the assessed valuation of the city property was exactly \$2,080,618; the levy was 18 mills.

This year the assessed valuation is \$3,470,478; the promised levy is 10 mills.

The 18 mill levy on last year's valuation of \$2,080,618 gave a tax of \$37,451.12.

The promised 10 mill levy on this year's valuation of \$3,470,478 would give a tax of \$34,704.78—in other words the greatly reduced levy on the greatly augmented valuation will give practically the same amount of tax moneys as were raised last year. The promise of lowering the levy to 10 mills simply means a promise that the administration is figuring on raising about the same amount of money as last year. The promise to lower the levy to 10 mills with the note of jubilation in it for the poor taxpayers' sake looks like a political trick.

But it is said that while some of the politicians connected with the city administration are promising the 10-mill levy, that this is really only an ante-election promise. Already the fire department is about \$5000 in debt, and some are estimating the city will be about \$20,000 behind at the end of the year. If the Republicans go in, they will fall heirs to a pretty big deficit to start with. If by any mischance the Democrats should get in then it would be their cue to begin explaining that even the 10 mill levy would not be enough; in short, some are fearful that the taxes of the coming year may be even higher than the past year, unless business men take hold of the city's finances in a business-like manner.

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